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USGS Newport, New Hampshire Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
19.730/740.4798/320

Significance: The only surviving industrial structure in Mill Village, a small, nineteenth century industrial community within the town of Goshen, the Baker-Booth Blacksmith Shop is a little-altered, mid-nineteenth century blacksmith shop.

Description: The building is parallel to Lear Hill Road, with the main entrance in the gable-end facing the South Branch of the Sugar River. It is a one-and-a-half story frame building covered with clapboards and capped with a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Trim is flat board, and the double-hung sash windows have six-over-six lights. The interior walls of the building have horizontally-placed sheathing boards to a height of around eight feet and plaster walls above. A roughly assembled loft occupies two-thirds of the gable area.

History: According to the History of Goshen, the Baker-Booth Blacksmith Shop was erected by Amos Baker shortly after his marriage in 1842. For the next few decades, the shop had at least four different owners until 1870 when it was purchased by Burk Booth in whose family the building remained until the early 1970s. Booth's shop specialized in wagon and buggy wheels, as well as horse and ox shoeing. Around World War I the shop ceased as a blacksmith shop. It was used for a short period as a garage, but has been largely vacant for the past sixty years.

Many of the iron tools and implements associated with the blacksmith trade are still housed in it, including the brick forge (now crumbled), a blacksmith's vise, the oxen hoist (relocated from the attached shed since dismantled), and several work benches and built-in cupboards.

Source: Baker-Booth Blacksmith House. National Register of
Historic Places Determination of Eligibility form, prepared
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